

CITY OF BREMEN
Council Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2015

Meeting Location:Public Safety Complex • 191 Georgia Avenue North • Bremen, GA 30110

Officials Present: Mayor Sharon Sewell
Council Member W.O. (Sonny) Parrish
Council Member Jane Wilson
Council Member Terry Crawford

6:00 P.M.
Work Session
Mayor & City Council
Informal Discussions Session

The Work Session is an informal discussion among Mayor Sewell, City Council Members, Department Heads and the City Attorney. There is no action taken during the work session. The following items were discussed.

National Friends of the Library
Council Member Shepherd Resignation
Call for a Special Election to fill Council Post 3
Demolition of Property on Buchanan Street
Development Authority of Bremen
Department Head Updates

Mayor Sewell adjourned the work session at 6:50 p.m. to begin the regular council meeting.

7:00 P.M.
City Council Meeting
Mayor & Council Members
Regular Scheduled Session

Agenda

- 1. *Call to Order*
- 2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
- 3. *Invocation*
- 4. *Review and Modification of the Agenda*
- 5. *Approval of the August 17, 2015 Regular Council Meeting*
- 6. *Recreation Board Appointments*
- 7. *Open to the Public*
- 8. *Adjourn*

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Review & Modification of the Agenda

Mayor Sewell added item 6a to the agenda to accept a proclamation for National Friends of the Library. She added item 6b to the agenda to acknowledge the resignation of Council Member Shepherd. She also added item 6c for the approval to use reserved funds for the purpose of demolishing a dilapidated house located at 146 Buchanan Street.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 17, 2015.

A motion made by Council Member Wilson seconded by Council Member Crawford to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting held on August 17, 2015. The motion carried.

Recreation Board Appointment

Mayor Sewell stated that we have three appointments to the Recreation Board. She asked for a motion to appoint Eddie Barrett to the Recreation Board.

Council Member Parrish made a motion seconded by Council Member Wilson to appoint Eddie Barrett to the Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Laura Hodge to the Recreation Board.

Council Member Wilson made a motion seconded by Council Member Crawford to appoint Laura Hodge to the Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sewell asked for a motion to appoint Josh Stitcher to the Recreation Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Crawford seconded by Council Member Parrish to appoint Josh Stitcher to the Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

National Friends of the Library Proclamation

Lisa Walton-Cagle, Warren Sewell Librarian was present and stated her appreciation for the strong group of Friends of the Library that they currently have.

Mayor Sewell read a proclamation and asked for a motion to accept the proclamation.

Council Member Crawford made a motion to accept the proclamation for the National Friends of the Library. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Call for a Special Election

Mayor Sewell stated that Council Member Kyle Shepherd has resigned from his council seat due to his relocating outside the City of Bremen.

Mayor Sewell stated that there is a complicated way we can get this on the November ballot but it would happen so quickly that there would be many people who would not know about it and would not have a chance to qualify should they desire to. She stated that we do not want to make it look like we are trying to rush this. We can wait until March and have a special election at the time of the presidential preference election date and that would give time for advertisement and allow the community to have time to discuss it. She asked for a motion to call for a special election on the 1st Tuesday in March 2016 to fill City Council Post 3.

Council Member Parrish made a motion seconded by Council Member Wilson to call for a special election on the 1st Tuesday in March 2016 to fill the vacant Council Post 3 seat. The motion carried unanimously.

146 Buchanan Street

Mayor Sewell stated that the house at 146 Buchanan Street has been falling in for several years and no one has done anything with it. We have gone through the process to have it demolished. She stated that the bid we received to demolish the house is \$16,000 and that money would have to come from reserved funds. She asked for a motion to approve the use of reserved funds for the the purpose of demolishing the house at 146 Buchanan Street.

Council Member Crawford made a motion seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve using reserved funds for the purpose of demolishing the dilapidated house at 146 Buchanan Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Public

Joe Augeri from Whispering Hills Drive, along with some of his neighbors was present and stated that they have a traffic concern on Whispering Hills Drive during the school traffic times. He stated cars are using the street as a cut through street and they are speeding up and down the street that is not a very wide street.

The Mayor and Council Members discussed a couple of different things that could possibly be done to fix this problem and instructed the City Manager to consult with staff regarding the problem.

There was no further business to be brought before the Mayor and Council.

Adjourn

Mayor Sewell requested a motion to adjourn the regular council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Parrish to adjourn the regular council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.